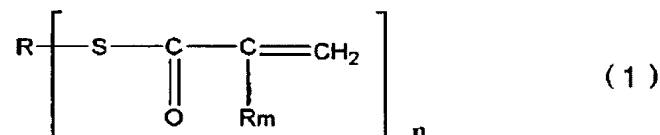


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

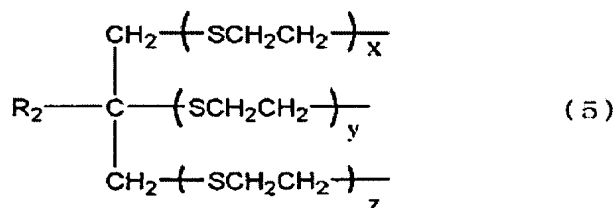
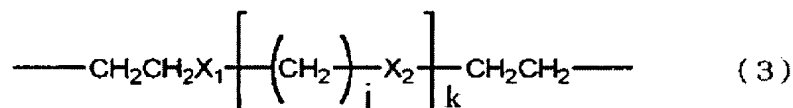
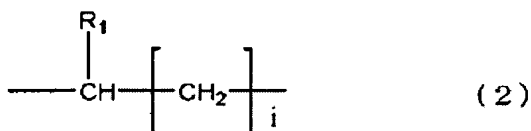
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

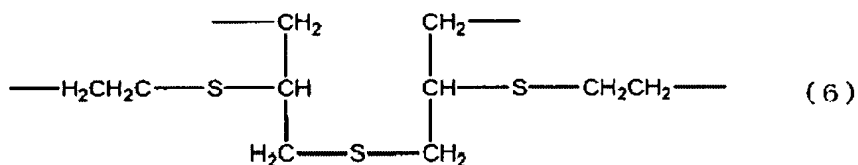
LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended): A composition comprising (a) a thio(meth)acrylate compound represented by the formula (1), and (b) ultrafine inorganic particles, (d) one or more hydroxyl group-containing (meth)acrylate compounds represented by the formulae (7) to (10), and (e) a β -diketone compound represented by the formula (11):

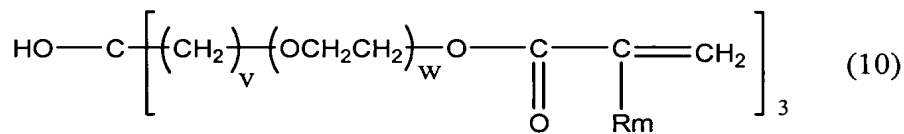
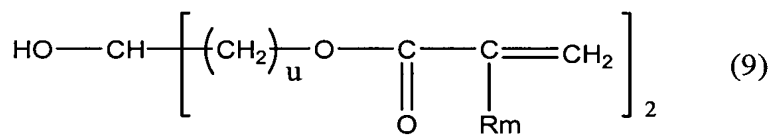
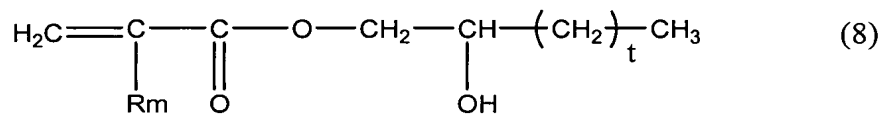
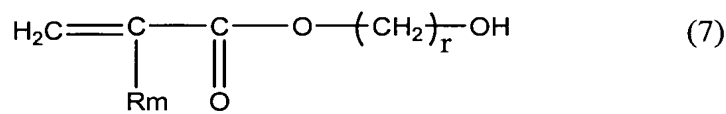


wherein a linking (or connecting) group R represents one of the formulae (2), (3), (5) and (6):

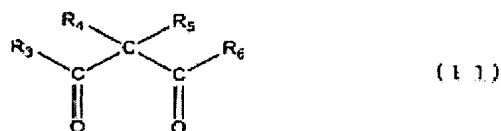




wherein, in formula (1), R_m represents each independently a hydrogen atom or a methyl group; n is an integer of 2 to 4; R_1 is a hydrogen atom or a methyl group; R_2 represents a hydrogen atom, a methyl group or an ethyl group; X_1 and X_2 represent oxygen atoms or sulfur atoms; i is an integer of 1 to 5; j is an integer of 0 to 2; and k , x , y and z are each independently 0 or 1;



wherein, in formulae (7) to (10), R_m represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group; r and t are each an integer of 1 to 4; u is each independently an integer of 1 to 4; v is each independently an integer of 1 to 4; w is each independently an integer of 0 to 4;



wherein, formula (11), R_4 and R_5 represent hydrogen atoms or such ones that one is a hydrogen atom and another is a straight chain or branched C_1 to C_4 alkyl group; R_3 and R_6 represent hydrogen atoms or each independently a hydrogen atom, a C_1 to C_4 alkyl group, a hydroxyl group, an aliphatic residue, an aromatic residue, an alicyclic residue, a heterocyclic residue, or C_1 to C_6 alkyl group containing one or more ether groups, ester groups, thioester groups or ketone groups in the chain structure; or R_3 and R_5 may be combined together to form C_5 to C_{10} rings which may be substituted with one or more C_2 to C_4 alkylene groups.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Previously Presented): The composition according to claim 1, further comprising (c) a (meth)acrylate compound having a (thio)urethane bond.

4. (Canceled).

5. (Currently Amended): The composition according to claim [[4]] 3, wherein a layer of the composition having a thickness of $2 \mu\text{m}$ ~~that is~~ coated on the surface of a resin plate having a thiourethane bond or an epithiosulfide bond and then cured with ultraviolet rays has (1) an evaluation score of a cross-hatch, tape-peeling test (JIS-K5400) of 6 or more; and (2) a pencil scratch test value (JIS-K5400) of 3H or more.

6. (Previously Presented): A coating composition comprising the composition as described in claim 5.

7. (Previously Presented): An optical material comprising the composition as described in claim 5.

8-9. (Canceled).

10. (Currently Amended): The composition according to claim 1, wherein a layer of the composition having a thickness of 2 μm ~~that is~~ coated on the surface of a resin plate having a thiourethane bond or an epithiosulfide bond and then cured with ultraviolet rays has (1) an evaluation score of a cross-hatch, tape-peeling test (JIS-K5400) of 6 or more; and (2) a pencil scratch test value (JIS-K5400) of 3H or more.

11. (Previously Presented): A coating composition comprising the composition as described in claim 1.

12. (Previously Presented): An optical material comprising the composition as described in claim 1.